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EOC PIO is waiting on this answer for their Gold King Mine FAQs sheet. Is this response ok? Would you like Jim/Mathy to review?

thanks

Does the EPA have any estimate on total number of abandoned mines? (in the western US and/or nationwide, or whatever is available)

There are currently 133 mining and mineral processing sites on the Superfund NationalPriorities List (NPL). This site information is available at:
<http://www.epa.gov/aml/amlsite/npl.htm>.

A GAO report *Abandoned Mines: Information on the Number of Hardrock Mines, Cost of Cleanup, and Value of Financial Assurances (2011)* determined that there were "at least 161,000 abandoned hardrock mine sites in the 12 western states and Alaska".